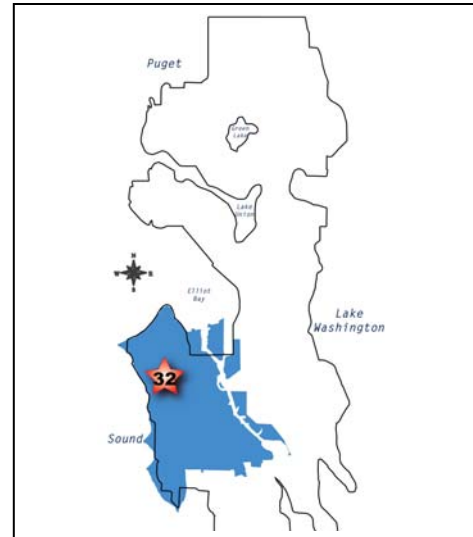


BATTALION STATION



REBUILD

Existing Square Footage: 8,505
 Final Square Footage: 16,466 (minimum)

Address: 3715 SW Alaska Street
 Date Built: 1966

About the Station:

Located in the center of West Seattle, Station 32 currently houses an engine company (E32), a ladder unit (L5), a medic unit (M32), and a reserve medic unit.

In 2002, the station dispatched approximately 5,100 units. Of these, about 550 were in response to fire calls and about 4,300 were in response to requests for EMT or paramedic assistance. The remaining dispatches responded to a range of other requests, including those for investigations, rescues, and fuel leaks or spills.

Station 32 is about 40 years old and is ready for replacement. Its building systems are old, and the station offers inadequate space for modern apparatus and staffing levels. It is also out of regulatory compliance in many areas, and is structurally substandard for seismic survivability.

What the Plan Would Do:

Given Station 32's current condition as well as its capacity to play a more central role in West Seattle, a full rebuild of this facility makes more sense than a piecemeal renovation.

The plan, therefore, envisions a rebuild at Station 32's existing location. As part of the rebuild, Station 32 is slated for major improvements and conversion to the lead station for Battalion VII, which covers all of West Seattle, southwest Seattle, and Harbor Island, and the industrial areas lining both sides of the Duwamish River.

Following the rebuild, Station 32's core operations will continue to comprise an engine company, a ladder unit, a medic unit, and a reserve medic unit. In addition, the station will have an additional bay to accommodate a battalion chief unit. The rebuilt facility will also include a battalion chief office.

The rebuild will create space to house one of the City's three new emergency fragmentation caches within Station 32. Each fragmentation cache would be positioned to respond to seismic and manmade disasters that could isolate certain areas of the City due to bridge damage or debris blockage. Construction of space to house the caches will provide the City with future flexibility to deliver this enhanced service at a minimal up-front capital cost.

Finally, the City will seek further design efficiencies and cost savings to fund an additional reserve bay at this station as well as space for various decentralized training activities.

While the station is being renovated, an interim facility will be sited within the neighborhood to provide continuity of fire and medic service until the station project is complete.

Planned Station Features:

Technical Capacities

- Earthquake fragmentation cache
- Bay area for breathing apparatus and compressed air fill equipment
- Decontamination/clean room
- Maintenance work area, battery charging alcove, and compressor
- Storage for major disaster supplies and EMS equipment
- Hose tower

Administrative and Crew Areas

- Secure public lobby
- Station office, including report desk and dispatch counter
- Visitor-accessible unisex restroom
- Beanery kitchen and dining room
- Day room
- Physical fitness room
- Officers' quarters
- Firefighter bunk rooms
- Toilet/shower rooms
- Laundry room

Estimated Cost:

The estimated cost of this station rebuild is \$7.5 million and will be funded from levy proceeds. This amount includes inflation and the cost of an interim facility, but does not include any land acquisition costs.